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The purpose of SIEOP is to promote the professional growth of all office personnel within the Department of Education, Office of the State Board of Education, and the Idaho Division of Professional Technical Education, and to encourage the ideals of service in these departments and the community.

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President's Message

THANK YOU! THANK YOU ~ to a wonderful board and outstanding membership. The 2005-2006 year has been a fantastic journey! SIEOP is an amazing organization and I am grateful to have participated as president. I appreciate the hard work and enthusiasm each of you contributed to a very successful year. The success of SIEOP is not achieved by one individual but rather a team. The theme for this past year was **SIEOP ~ "Building Blocks to Success"**. Each letter in SIEOP signifies more than State of Idaho Educational Office Professionals.

Each letter upon a block illustrates the building blocks to a success.

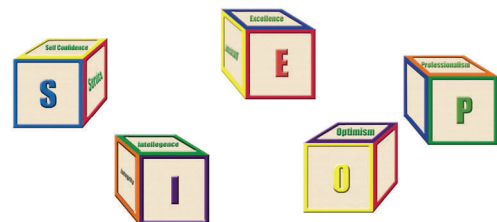
Service, Self-confidence

Integrity, Involvement, Initiative

Education, Excellence

Opportunity, Optimism

Pride, Professionalism



These words define the SIEOP organization and indeed are the building blocks to a successful team. I thank each and every one of you and I encourage anyone who is not currently a member to come to the SIEOP picnic in July and see what we are all about!

Cina Oravez
2005-2006 SIEOP President

2005-06 SIEOP Officers

President: Cina Oravez

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Carolyn Nelson

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Banu Chandler

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Chris Sandoval

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Hospitality: Shannon Haas

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President: Carolyn Nelson

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Allison Creelman

Secretary: Cheryl Kary

Treasurer: Rosalie Siegel

Board Members:

Betty Davidson

Shannon Haas

Awards

SIEOP 2006 Administration of the Year

Sally Tiel was awarded State of Idaho Educational Office Professionals' 2006 Administrator of the Year. Sally's leadership, professionalism, expertise, compassion and support of the State of Idaho's Educational Office Professionals has shown she is an outstanding administrator. Sally holds a Master's Degree in Education from Idaho State University, has taught in the public school system, has served and currently serves on many local and national committees in both counseling and assessment. She has always encouraged her support staff to develop professional and leadership skills. Sally was nominated by Bea Allen who said, "Sally Tiel is the very spirit of education and teamwork, the model of an administrator and the heart of a friend."



Sally Tiel (left) receiving award from Cina Oravez

SIEOP 2006 Educational Office Professional of the Year

The 2006 Educational Office Professional of the Year was awarded to Sherry McKnight at the Bosses' Day Breakfast May 19th. She was nominated because of her encouragement and helpfulness to new employees. She has served as SIEOP Treasurer and Grapevine Editor and has also participated in SIEOP fundraisers and service projects. She enjoys learning new software programs and takes advantage of professional development opportunities that are available.



Cina Oravez (right) presenting award to Sherry McKnight

If you have any articles you would like to have included in the Grapevine, please email them to:

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Thank you.

What's SIEOP?

(Although an acronym you could pronounce it, "see-op")

If you say it fast, it almost sound like: "what's up?", which could sum up the State of Idaho Educational Office Professionals in a nut shell. You never know what they will be planning next to promote personnel growth in Idaho's educational professionals or what kinds of service they will render to the Idaho's departments or community. A changing of the guard is taking place and we would like to introduce them. Here's "what's up" with present and past SIEOP presidency and board members:



Carolyn Nelson
06-07 President
05-06 Pres. Elect
Member since 2003

Q: What are your personal and/or project goals as an officer of SIEOP?

A: *"As the President of SIEOP this coming year, I'd like to see members come because they looked forward to what they would learn and do."*

Q: How has SIEOP made you a better person?

A: *"SIEOP has inspired me to broaden my horizons. I became a first time college student, pursuing a life-long dream. This has greatly been helped by receiving 2 scholarships from SIEOP. [Although] I've had many obstacles along the way this past year, the dream and goal is still there! I have also better learned to be...tolerant..."*



Allison Creelman
06-07 Pres. Elect
Member since 2005

Q: Why did you become interested in joining SIEOP?

A: *"SIEOP is a wonderful opportunity for me to get involved in my own personal growth and development regarding Education in Idaho."*

Q: What is your definition of the goals of SIEOP? What is SIEOP all about?

A: *"To me SIEOP is all about professionalism, with heart!"*

Q: How has SIEOP made you a better person?

A: *"I don't know if SIEOP has made me a better person, I do know that having the opportunity to be apart of SIEOP has given me a greater desire to strive to be more than I am."*



Cheryl Kary
06-07 Secretary
Member for 1 year

Q: What projects or positions have you been involved in outside of SIEOP? Did you have a better perspective because of your affiliation with SIEOP?

A: *"I have been involved with charitable activities in my church including a food pantry, and meals for the sick. SIEOP is just an extension of what I am already doing in the community."*

Q: What is your definition of the goals of SIEOP? What is SIEOP all about?

A: *"SIEOP is all about children and the professionals that support them."*

Q: How has SIEOP made you a better person? **A:** *"It has helped me... realize I am a professional."*



Rosalie Siegel
06-07 Treasurer
05-06 Secretary
Member since 1999

Q: What is your definition of the goals of SIEOP? What is SIEOP all about?

A: *"One of the goals of SIEOP is to provide continuing education through their programs at our meetings. It is important for us in our jobs to share what we learn and what we learn helps make us be better employees and be professional."*

SIEOP is about continuing education, teaching others leadership skills by being involved as an officer or on a committee or just offering encouragement to support staff. We are able to help others through our various fund raising projects."



Betty Davidson
06-07 Board/Dir.
05-06 Board
Member since 1995

Q: Why did you become interested in joining SIEOP?

A: *"To be of service to others and professional growth."*

Q: What projects or positions have you been involved in, in the past in SIEOP?

A: *"I am a past president, treasurer, secretary, program chair, and currently historian."*

Q: What are your personal and/or project goals as a member/officer of SIEOP?

A: *"To give my best in service to others."*

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: *"Join and partake of the opportunities to fellowship and affiliate with other members and find opportunities to reach out and be of service to others."*

Q: Why did you become interested in joining SIEOP?

A: *"To be of service to others and professional growth."*



Shannon Haas
06-07 Board/Dir.
05-06 Board/Dir.
Member 14 years

Q: Why did you become interested in joining SIEOP?

A: *"I was interested in the Professional Development. I also wanted to get to know more people in the department."*

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: *"Join!! Members form a bond with each other and a feeling of belonging and togetherness. It is an opportunity to help the children in Idaho and also families that are less fortunate. It is also a chance to grow professionally as a SDE employee."*

Q: What projects or positions have you been involved in the past in SIEOP?

A: *"President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Hospitality, Scholarship Chairperson, Programs Chair, Grapevine Editor, Nomination Committee Chair, Ways & Means, Service Projects, LAEOP/NAEOP Liaison, Introduced the "Spot Light Basket" & "Star Baby."*



Cina Oravez
05-06 President
06-07 Board/Dir.
Member 4 years

Q: What is your definition of the goals of SIEOP? What is SIEOP all about?

A: *"Service and Professional Development opportunities."*

Q: Describe how you feel or felt in regards to some of your most touching projects? How do you think it did or will affect the future of a child?

A: *"...The most touching project we do is the Children's Holiday party. I know if I was a child and experienced one of the SIEOP Holiday parties I would never forget it. I feel the new Helping Hearts and Helping Hands project is going to be a big asset to the children. But as a whole I feel the most beneficial project we do is the school supply drive. I was a poor child and never had all of the new items that the other children had. To start out the school year with a new backpack and new supplies to would have been so wonderful."*

NOTE: Helping Hands...entails collecting donations for teacher's closets for children in need.



Sherry McKnight
05-06 Treasurer
Member for 7 Years

Q: Describe how you feel or felt in regards to some of your most touching projects? How do you think it did or will affect the future of a child?

A: *"It was an eye-opener to go to the teen parent school to distribute food, computers, and talk to the counselor there. This was last year. I hope the kids have learned that a lot of people do care about them and education is important."*

Q: What is your definition of the goals of SIEOP? What is SIEOP all about?

A: *"I think SIEOP goals are: to unify members, help them to do their jobs better (professional development) and to learn to serve others who are in need."*

Q: How has SIEOP made you a better person?

A: *"It has made me more understanding of others and also has shown me the dedication people have in serving others. There are great examples in the SIEOP organization."*



Cheryl Francke
05-06 Board/Dir.
Member since 1988

Q: Describe how you feel or felt in regards to some of your most touching projects?
How do you think it did or will affect the future of a child?

A: "One of the first years we gave a computer to a 6th grader, he was crying and was in such disbelief, he had all of us in the room crying. I think we really made a difference in his life. It was a gift he wanted more than anything. I think he'll always remember that someone cared about him and what he needed. When he grows up hopefully he'll do something for someone else who is in need of something special."

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: "If for no other reason, when you see the children at the Christmas party, it will make you feel like you've given a child a memory that will stay with them forever. Your heart will go out to all of those kids who are in need of even just the basic needs."



Bea Allen
05-06 Board/Dir.
Member for 11 years

Q: Describe how you feel or felt in regards to some of your most touching projects?

A: "Of course, seeing the children open their Christmas presents, or reading their letters/notes of thanks for clothes, toys or school supplies is right up there. But, I have seen so many associates really bloom within SIEOP as they take office for the first time, or when the light comes on as they realize that we really can learn from and help one another."

Q: How do you think it did or will affect the future of a child?

A: "Even though, as a rule, we don't come into direct contact with children while working for the Department (other than at the Children's Party), the "trickle down" can be tremendous. As we strive to grow and improve in all that we do – whether through professional development or community service – we can't help but help those we help become more productive and efficient in the education of Idaho's children! I've even found myself comforting children of friends about the many tests administered by the state, or talking to them about the nutrition facts that come from SDE...always with a positive and personal slant."

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: "There is a great organization for educational office professionals here at SDE (or Prof Tech or OSBE) that offers opportunities for professional development and serves the children of Idaho at the same time! I'd love to take you to lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Would you put that on your calendar?"



Banu Chandar
05-06 Board
Member since 2005

Q: Why did you become interested in joining SIEOP?

A: "SIEOP offered me an avenue to address my team participation skills, how to be successful when doing business, it deepened my view about respecting, listening and considering views that were not anywhere close to mine. SIEOP is a great organization that fosters members to be in win-win situations at all times at work; it positively reinforces in its members to practice mutual respect and mutual benefit in all interactions; it helps us to create a mental vision and purpose for any project at hand and instills a sense of commitment and accomplishment as we move along in the work place addressing various issues in our lives. It helps us get from being a hunk of coal to a fine polished diamond with a million glowing facets!"

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: "Hang tight never quit there is a lot to be learned...."



Christine Sandoval
05-06 Board
Member 15 years

Q: Why did you become interested in joining SIEOP?

A: "... I was (believe it) quiet and shy and needed a lot of professional development."

Q: How has SIEOP made you a better person?

A: "... NAEOP helped me to have better self esteem and to realize that being an admin assistance is an important and worthwhile job. So many of the women I met at NAEOP and IAEOP were very wise, talented and professional women and very good examples of how we can grow and mature in our professional lives. It provided a network of women who I could call if I needed professional advice."

Q: What projects or positions have you been involved in outside of SIEOP?

A: PAST & PRESENT VOLUNTEER
- at the Corpus Christi House
- Sacred Heart formation team for Social Justice
- Multiple Catholic Church Organizations
- TULIP the Clown for Dinner and a Book Program - Book Drive for St. Mary's School
- TULIP the Clown - hospital and charity work
- Boy Scouts Leader

Q: Did you have a better perspective because of your affiliation with SIEOP?

A: "Yes, ... gained a lot of experience in working with groups of people."

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: "I would give them a yellow hat and tell them to have courage and perseverance, because these life lessons will be good for him or her. Be prepared for some awesome experiences and opportunities and challenges because along the way you might be enlightened and meet some very bright and beautiful people."

NOTE: NAEOP is the National version of SEIOP and IAEOP is the Association for Idaho Educational Office Professionals.



Tina Naillon
05-06 Board
Member since 1999

Q: Describe how you feel or felt in regards to some of your most touching projects? How do you think it did or will affect the future of a child?

A: "The back to school supply drive is the project that means the most to me. I personally know what it feels like to not have school supplies students are expected to come with and to provide that for as many as we can touches me deeply. Having the right supplies has a great impact on the child and there success in many ways."

Q: What is your definition of the goals of SIEOP? What is SIEOP all about?

A: "SIEOP to me is Professional growth, Support of Educators, Collaboration, and Personal Health. If you are not willing to learn every day, be positive, and have fun, SIEOP is not for you."

Q: How has SIEOP made you a better person?

A: "I have formed relationships with professionals in education nationwide who are addressing the same issue I am. I have precious memories of children's lives being changed. I have a working family that will support me personally and professionally, that makes me a better person!!"

Q: What would you say to a potential member of SIEOP?

A: "Do it for yourself professionally, and personally. And if that does not spark your fire, do it for the children of the Treasure Valley. You will be blessed."

Now that you've seen "what's up" in SIEOP, you can experience for yourself the great opportunities involved with being a member. To join, just contact any of the above members and open yourself up to the wealth of service and growth and Educational Office Professional of Idaho can experience, and make new friends besides. Office Professionals of SDE, what are you waiting for? "What's up?!"

Bosses' Day Breakfast



“Let Your Inner Child Run Wild!”



As you entered the conference room you found tables full of toys, baskets full of books, color markers, pin wheels, and balloons. No, it wasn't day camp for your tots but the setting for SIEOP's annual Boss' Breakfast. As the crowd pressed forward to the spread of sausage quiche and muffins you could see the excitement in their eyes as they anticipated sitting down to.....play with cars, showing their artistic abilities by drawing on the table with color markers, or bouncing a balloon to someone at the next table. Not a frown could be found as this successful breakfast kicked into full swing and everyone fed themselves with a hardy breakfast and a good helping of juvenile fun. Of course it couldn't have been a complete success without the dramatic antics of Bea Allen who played Joey as a little boy trying to learn his primary colors. As Brenda Goertzen (Joey's teacher) coached Joey she got some help from the crowd as Joey would trade little gifts for items needed to help him seek out primary colors and to "clean up" a bit by trading for someone's comb. Of course Joey wasn't happy all the time as he, at one point, let out a "Lucille Ball" WAAAAA! It was all in fun and participants loved it. Thanks to everyone, SIEOP, bosses, and the not so bossy for coming and sharing in the good time.



Bosses' Day Breakfast

